



Newborn Screening Bulletin 2023-8

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Biliary atresia screening update and ordering Infant Stool Colour Cards (ISCCs):

We want to thank you for your continued contribution to newborn screening and the implementation and distribution of ISCCs. Since the launch of biliary atresia screening in January 2023:

- **> 85,000 families have received an ISCC**
- **> 200 families have contacted NSO** due to concern regarding pale stool
- **27 babies have been referred** for follow-up due to confirmed pale stool

Through our program, babies have been identified with biliary atresia and received life-saving interventions.

Many of you have reached out asking how to re-order ISCCs. As a reminder, you can order the ISCCs at no cost the same way you order newborn screening dried blood spot cards, through the distributor VWR. Please note that ordering dried blood spot collection cards does not automatically order ISCCs. [Click here for additional instructions.](#)

The recommended best practice is to document the distribution of the ISCC in the patient record, along with the education provided to the parents/guardians. Education should include the need to screen for the first month of life and to contact NSO with any concern regarding pale stool.

Upcoming webinar on biliary atresia:

We are excited to offer an educational webinar on **November 28, 2023 from 12-1pm** on biliary atresia screening in Ontario. Please feel free to share this zoom link with your colleagues involved in the care of newborns.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84859004218?pwd=T1FVTjdra1VsdW5LRlRlFDd2VXMG1Mz09>

Meeting ID: 848 5900 4218

Passcode: 947359

Thank you again for your support and continued efforts to ensure all Ontario families have access to this vital screening program.

For any questions regarding biliary atresia, we can be reached at nsoba@cheo.on.ca.

